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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:)
TOSHIO MATSUMURA ET AL)
Ser. No.: 09/594,324)
Filed: June 15, 2000)

) FILTER FOR REMOVING CONTAMI-
) NANTS FROM WATER AND METHOD
) OF FORMING THE FILTER
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) Examiner I. Cintins
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) Art Unit 1724

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

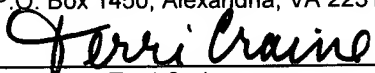
On January 9, 2006, the Examiner issued an Advisory Action, therein stating that the December 8, 2005 Amendment filed by the Applicant does not place the application in condition for allowance. The Amendment was thus not entered.

In refusing entry of the Amendment, the Examiner argued that the original terminology in the application; "60 to 100 mesh", does not inherently mean that particles are capable of passing through a mesh of 60 but not capable of passing through a mesh larger than 100.

Industries have used different terminology to define particle size and a range of particle sizes. The terminology in the Applicant's specification; "X to Y mesh", is one

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